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Traveling Throughout the 14th District

Traveling throughout the 14th District and meeting many of you was a highlight of my busy week. From discussing local issues like infrastructure with mayors, to discussing transportation issues at a local airport, to meeting with you at my district offices—all of these opportunities to hear from you is essential to my work in Congress. Don't hesitate to contact me or my staff using the Contact button above.

Here are some highlights:



(There's great work being done at local employer MAC Automation Concepts in Woodstock. 58 employees are working with fiber laser cutters and more to make everything in parts handling from bearings to caster wheels to resin bins. I participated in an employee Q and A and gave an update on Congress and Washington.)



(For 56 years, the Association for Individual Development (AID) in

Elgin has served individuals with developmental, intellectual, physical and/or mental health challenges, those who have suffered a trauma and those at risk. Programs include: autism programs; respite care; permanent supportive housing; developmental and vocational training; job placement services; mental health treatment; behavioral intervention; community education; and more.)



(Last year, AID served 6,547 children and adults and operates eight community day centers in Elgin, Aurora, Batavia and Yorkville. Meeting these thriving, vibrant individuals was a true highlight of my week.)



(Exciting things are happening in Sycamore, including a number of companies expanding their operations and other good economic development news. We had a good discussion with Mayor Curt Lang and City Manager Brian Gregory.)



(I had a productive meeting on local issues like infrastructure

with Mayor John Koziol and City Administrator Joshua Blakemore of Marengo.)



(Village President Russ Ruzanski and Airport Manager Mike Peranich explained Lake in the Hills airport operations to me while we toured the facility. The airport is a designated FAA reliever airport for O'Hare, employing 82 employees in the area.)

Creating a Hotline for Those Considering Suicide

Suicide is among the leading causes of death in the United States, but in many cases those struggling find it too difficult to find help. It's why I support **H.R. 2345, the National Suicide Prevention Hotline Improvement Act**. It designates a new national 3-digit dialing code – similar to 911 – to be used for a mental health crisis and suicide prevention hotline.

I urge the House and Senate to work on getting this legislation passed to provide easy access to potentially lifesaving resources.

Fighting Human Trafficking



The illegal enslavement and movement of people against their will is happening in our backyards and across the country. Two bills that I supported became law to help stop the interstate transportation of trafficked people.

- The **No Human Trafficking on Our Roads Act, S. 1532**, prevents individuals who have been convicted of human trafficking from obtaining a commercial driver's license by adding this particular felony to the list of disqualifying offenses.
- The **Combatting Human Trafficking in Commercial Vehicles Act, S. 1536**, requires the Secretary of Transportation to designate an individual tasked with coordinating human trafficking prevention efforts within the federal agency and further increases support to educate commercial drivers on how to recognize and prevent human trafficking.

Click [here to learn about my own legislation, H.R. 466, the Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act](#), which targets the purchasers of commercial sex who are complicit in this global plague.

Fighting for Access to Lending

Our local community banks cultivate trusted relationships with their customers in a way that larger banks cannot. The role of

smaller financial institutions is especially important in more rural areas in Illinois where larger banks tend to not have as many branches. I continue to believe Washington needs to get out of the way so smaller banks can focus on meeting the needs of our communities.

I was pleased the Financial Services Committee, on which I sit, [unanimously passed](#) **H.R. 4725, the Community Bank Reporting Relief Act**, my bipartisan legislation which requires federal banking regulators to simplify reporting requirements for community banks. I look forward to this legislation coming to the House floor for a vote soon.

Honoring Billy Graham



Reverend Billy Graham was a believer in the all-encompassing love of God for all people. He attended Wheaton College, just down the street from where I grew up, and was a founding figure in evangelical Christianity. His name is known around the world but it was his humility amid fame and kind treatment of everyone, no matter who they were or their social status, that demonstrated his spirit of deep love and compassion.

His body will lay in honor in the U.S. Capitol next Wednesday and Thursday. I plan to host a special time on the House floor with my colleagues on Tuesday evening following votes so we can honor and remember his life and legacy.

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren
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Randy in the News

- [Congress must stand up for human rights](#) (The Hill)
- [Iranian refugees, denied entry to US, could face persecution in Iran](#) (ABC News)
- [Members of Congress Advocate for Prisoners of Conscience](#) (The Epoch Times)
- [Reps Question DHS's Decision to Deny Asylum to 100 Iranian Christians, Other Religious Minorities](#) (Washington Free Beacon)
- [State treasurers call for restoring tax exemption to help fund infrastructure](#) (The Hill)
- [STEM scholars tour Marengo's UniCarriers](#) (Northwest Herald)
- [Trump Administration Turns Away Iranian Christians](#) (Foreign Policy Magazine)



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